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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This amendment and reply is responsive to the Office action mailed July 30, 2003 (Office action). Applicants respectfully request that claims 4 and 11 be cancelled without prejudice. Claims 2, 5-10, 12 and 13 remain pending in the instant application.